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In re Application of:

Hiroshi TAKEMOTO et al.

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§ 371 Date: January 25, 2002

For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

EXHIBITING THROMBOPOIETIN

RECEPTOR AGONISM

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment. The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	87	-	39	48	x \$ 18	\$ 864
Indep.	10	-	4	6	x \$ 84	504
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280						
Subtotal S						\$ 1368
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-
TOTAL						

A fee of \$1,368.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: August 9, 2002

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 34-76, as follows:

A method of agonizing the thrombopoietin receptor in a subject which comprises administering to said subject a compound represented by the formula (I):

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